Garten but which do not warrant special comment are:— Cryptophagus dentatus (Herbst); C. distinguendus Sturm; C. pubescens Sturm; C. scanicus (L.); C. scutellatus Newm.; C. setulosus Sturm; Antherophagus nigricornis (F.); A. pallens (L.); Atomaria (Anchicera) apicalis Erichson; A. atricapilla Stephens; A. berolinensis Kraatz; A. fuscipes (Gyll.); A. lewisi Reitier; A. nitidula (Marsh.) and A. ruficornis Marsh.

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A FEW LATE DATES FOR COLEOPTERA IN 1985. — Single specimens of the following beetles were noted last year in or about the woods at Shooters Hill, S. E. London, on dates quite exceptionally late for the species concerned:— Ischnoglossa prolixa Grav. (a spring and early summer species), swept 18.viii; Agriotes pallidulus Ill., ditto; Malthinus flaveolus Hbst., ditto; Cryptocephalus pusillus F., off oak 9.ix; Anaspis lurida Steph., males 19.viii, 9.ix, 30.ix. — the last date especially remarkable in extending the adult span of the species to fully four months, otherwise unexampled in an Anaspis. The season was peculiar in some respects, but even a retarded beginning would scarcely account for cases such as the above. One may be added from 1984, when as late as 11th November a Curculio glandium Marsh. was seen slowly ascending an oak trunk; the weather at the time was mild and a number of insects still active. — A. A. ALLEN.